

Andrew Jackson to David Holmes, September 26, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO DAVID HOLMES.

Nashville, September 26, 1813

D'r Sir: The enclosed proceedings will shew you our feelings here on the late attack on your frontier and the prompt Interest we have taken for the aid and defence thereof.

The distressing scenes on your frontier with information of an intended and meditated attack upon our own, has roused the patriotism of our Legislature who met on the 20th. and has passed a law authorising the governor to order into the field for the defence of your Territory, the Defence of this State and to carry a campaign into the heart of the Creek nation 3500, exclusive of the number authorised by the Genl Government, which will make the force from this State 5000, and has appropriated 3,00000, to meet the expence thereof

I am under marching orders, and I shall be in the field on the 4th. proximo. the late fracture in my left arm will render me for a while less active than formerly. Still I march, and before we return if the General Government will only hands off, we will give peace in Israel. from three expresses which reached us yesterday and day before stating the imminent Danger of the frontier of Madison County M. T. and the near approach of the Creeks thereto, I have ordered Colo Coffee to Take Huntsville in his rout. three hundred of his regiment with a number of mounted men, by force marches, are ordered to Huntsville. they will reach there tomorrow night. the frontier are much alarmed and breaking up to prevent which the above order is given.

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The express of yesterday says they are drawing their force from the mobile, and concentrating them on the hickory ground (2000 assembled) to give us a stroke, if this should be true we will give peace to your frontier on the Hickory plains, supplies is the only thing that can retard my movement. I hope the contractors will exert themselves. There is no quartermaster supplies on hand. every thing to be procured when danger is at our doors this is much to be regretted. What force is on your frontier, and what its peril—this information by return mail would be desirable. I have the honor to be with much respect yr
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